

20040819.ba v03_n691.bam.20040819

>From ???@??? Thu Aug 19 10:36:07 2004 +0000
Message-Id: <200408191535.i7JFZmOX028389@sco.theporch.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 10:35:23 CDT
From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 3691

BOATANCHORS Digest 3691

Topics covered in this issue include:

- 1) Wanted: CU-547/GR Manuals
by WA5CAB@cs.com
- 2) Re: MBF
by William Donzelli <aw288@osfn.org>
- 3) Re: MBF
by WA5CAB@cs.com
- 4) Fwd: Transmitting Mica caps For Sale
by Kim Herron <kherron@voyager.net>
- 5) ADMINISTRIVIA: Changing Email Addresses
by listown@nanniandjack.com (Mail List Owner)
- 6) Radio History Link
by "Tom Chirhart" <sparks@codepoets.com>
- 7) R390A manufacturer ?
by "John Gibson" <gibsonj@mindspring.com>
- 8) RE: R390A manufacturer ?
by "Don Reaves W50R" <w5or@comcast.net>
- 9) K4CR in Punta Gorda
by wb3fau@att.net
- 10) WTB: Repro nametag for R-389
by John Poulton <jp@cs.unc.edu>
- 11) Re: WTB: Repro nametag for R-389
by Tom Norris <r390a@bellsouth.net>
- 12) Re: R390A manufacturer ?
by jan@skirrow.org
- 13) Line bypass and X-10s
by "A. B. Bonds" <ab@vuse.vanderbilt.edu>
- 14) RE: Line bypass and X-10s
by Morris Odell <morriso@vifm.org>
- 15) Need National NC-300/400 cabinet
by Mike Steussy - AE4R <ae4r@erols.com>
- 16) Re: Need National NC-300/400 cabinet
by Mike Steussy - AE4R <ae4r@erols.com>
- 17) Re: Need National NC-300/400 cabinet
by "Nick England" <nick@3rdtech.com>
- 18) Re R390A manufacturer.

by "John Gibson" <gibsonj@mindspring.com>
19) Re: Need National NC-300/400 cabinet
by wb3fau@att.net

From: WA5CAB@cs.com
Message-ID: <1ef.27e76390.2e516385@cs.com>
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 21:10:29 EDT
Subject: Wanted: CU-547/GR Manuals
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;
boundary="part1_1ef.27e76390.2e516385_boundary"

--part1_1ef.27e76390.2e516385_boundary
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Groups,

Anyone have manuals on the subject unit that you want to sell? If so, I'll send you a customer. I have no idea what anyone would want to do with a UHF transmitting and receiving antenna multicoupler but apparently someone does.

Robert Downs - Houston
<<http://www.wa5cab.com>> (Web Store)
<wa5cab@cs.com> (Primary email)
<wa5cab@houston.rr.com> (Backup email)

--part1_1ef.27e76390.2e516385_boundary
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

* * * * *
* ---REMAINDER OF MESSAGE TRUNCATED--- *
* This post contains a forbidden message format *
* (such as an attached file, a v-card, HTML formatting) *
* Mail Lists at theporch.com only accept PLAIN TEXT *
* If your postings display this message your mail program *
* is not set to send PLAIN TEXT ONLY and needs adjusting *
* * * * *

--part1_1ef.27e76390.2e516385_boundary--

Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 23:57:38 -0400 (EDT)
From: William Donzelli <aw288@osfn.org>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
cc: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: MBF
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.20.0408152350390.26426-100000@osfn.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

> You mean "Man's Best Friend" ? Well, the Navy kept the "letter system"
> nomenclature up to the bitter end of the gear, such as the TCS, altho
> i don't think they named anything using this nomenclature past 1945.

There were some sonar sets that were coming out in the late 1940s that still were in the old Navy nomenclature system. I don't know when the designs started - they could have been typed during World War 2, but sat in the lab for a while.

The sonar people pretty much played to their own rules anyway.

> BTW, here's a stranger one, i think, to have the letter- system name:
> MN, fm transceiver. I wouldn't think an fm set had enuff of a
> tradition, to get the letter name.

Well, it would line up just where it should - MM was the TBW + RBM combination, and MO was an early war TCS-oid.

William Donzelli
aw288@osfn.org

From: WA5CAB@cs.com
Message-ID: <1da.28ff9a0e.2e519375@cs.com>
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 00:35:01 EDT
Subject: Re: MBF
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;
boundary="part1_1da.28ff9a0e.2e519375_boundary"

--part1_1da.28ff9a0e.2e519375_boundary
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I'm not sure I recall who wrote the first paragraph but think it was Hue. Anyway, I'm not quite certain what you mean by "tradition" but from context suspect you mean introduction date. First, as has been pointed out here and on Milsurplus many times before, the system nomenclature (letters for Navy and numbers for Army) is at best a poor indicator of when work started on the design

(which was more or less when the system nomenclature was assigned). But in any case, the NAVSHIPS I have on the MN is dated 20 April 1942, which is plenty early enough to get the Navy letter style nomenclature. I also have a later IB on the MN-5 dated 1944.

> >BTW, here's a stranger one, i think, to have the letter- system name:
> >MN, fm transceiver. I wouldn't think an fm set had enuff of a
> >tradition, to get the letter name.
>
> Well, it would line up just where it should - MM was the TBW + RBM
> combination, and MO was an early war TCS-oid.
>

Robert Downs - Houston
<<http://www.wa5cab.com>> (Web Store)
<wa5cab@cs.com> (Primary email)
<wa5cab@houston.rr.com> (Backup email)

--part1_1da.28ff9a0e.2e519375_boundary
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

```
* * * * *
*      ---REMAINDER OF MESSAGE TRUNCATED---      *
*      This post contains a forbidden message format      *
*      (such as an attached file, a v-card, HTML formatting) *
*      Mail Lists at theporch.com only accept PLAIN TEXT      *
*      If your postings display this message your mail program *
*      is not set to send PLAIN TEXT ONLY and needs adjusting *
* * * * *
```

--part1_1da.28ff9a0e.2e519375_boundary--

Message-Id: <5.2.0.9.2.20040816155742.00ba6338@mail.voyager.net>
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 15:58:17 -0400
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Kim Herron <kherron@voyager.net>
Subject: Fwd: Transmitting Mica caps For Sale
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

>Hi Guys (and Gals)!!
>
> Here's a list of stuff that needs a home (not mine).

>These are all transmitting style mica caps that get used in BIG amps and
>tuners.
>Prices are plus shipping. Buy over \$30.00 and I'll ship it for you. It's
>separated
>by voltage and mounting style.
>
>1. 3000/3500 VDC caps. Two hole mounting ear caps and two studs
> out of the top. \$5.00 ea. here's the quantities and the values
>
> 3ea. 90 pF/3000 VDC .4amp
> 4ea 100pF/3000 VDC .4 amp
> 1ea 50pF/3000 VDC .4 amp
> 1ea 30pF/2000 VDC .4 amp
> 2ea 250pF/2500 VDC .6 amp
>
>2. 600 VDC Postage stamp cap. Some are screw terminal mount and most
>are solder tab
> They are about 2 inches square and 3/8" thick. \$2.00 ea
> 2 ea 100 pf screw term.
> 1 ea .033 mF screw term.
> 2 ea .02 mF screw term
> 1ea .01 mF screw term
> 2ea .005 mF
> 4ea .006 mF
> 1ea 100 pF
> 7ea .01 mF
> 7ea .002 mF
> 1ea .003 mF
> 2ea .008 mF
> 5ea .02 mF
> 1ea 250 pF
> 1ea 500 pF
> 3ea .001 pF
>
>3 1200 VDC Postage Stamp Micas. 2500 VDC test All solder tabs 2
>inches square and 3/8" thick \$3.00 ea
>
> 2 ea 150 pF
> 5ea 30 pF
> 14 ea .01 mF
> 11ea .002 mF
> 1ea .004 mF
> 2ea 500pF
> 1ea 200pF
> 1ea .006mF
> 3ea 550pF
> 1ea .005mF
> 1ea 250pF

>
>4. 2500 VDC mica postage caps Solder tabs and 2 inch square and 3/8"
>thick \$4.00 ea
>
> 7ea 400pF
> 3ea .002mF
> 5ea .01 mF
> 1ea .002 mF
> 1ea .005 mF
> 3ea 330pF
> 2ea 560pF
> 1ea .001mF
> 1ea .003 mF
> 1ea 550pF
> 1ea 500 pF

Thanks!!

Kim Herron W8ZV
1-616-677-3706

Message-Id: <200408171815.i7HIF0mC028348@osr506.nanniandjack.com>
From: listown@nanniandjack.com (Mail List Owner)
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: ADMINISTRIVIA: Changing Email Addresses
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 11:15:00 -0700 (PDT)

Gang-

This periodic post is intended to help subscribers whose email address has changed, preventing posting or receipt of the list.

If you change ISP (InterNet Service Provider), simply send me an email advising the change, and I will do my best to implement the change quickly.

For those unfortunates, whose ISP has made a change without advising their customers of the potential impact of that change on subscribers to email lists like the boatanchors, where one must be a subscriber to post to the list, try to follow along...

Under some circumstances, the changes to your email address are "transparent" to you, but prevent posting. I get error notification for these kinds of problems, and I try to work them out. However, I may miss one, and on this end, the process is anything BUT automatic.

You have a bigger stick than I do. You and your ISP have the primary responsibility to repair the problems caused by the change at the ISP. I have zero leverage with your ISP, and you have great leverage.

Most ISP maintain a customer service department to help with problems like these. This should be your first line of support for email problems. I am happy to assist and consult, but try to understand that when your ISP makes a change to their email handler, and that change prevents you from posting to the boatanchors list, I can help, but resolving this problem is your responsibility, working with your ISP. I am but a volunteer, contributing my time to administer the list.

Thank you for your attention.

--

73

Jack, W4KH/Mobile - - - BoatAnchor Mailing List Archiver/Owner - - -
listown@nanniandjack.com - "Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose"
"Il n'y a que les idiots qui ne changent jamais d'idee"
Tue Aug 17 11:15:00 PDT 2004

From: "Tom Chirhart" <sparks@codepoets.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Radio History Link
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 20:51:27 -0400
Message-ID: <NLEAIJDBAKDLGMNMKEIAAEDMCEAA.sparks@codepoets.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thought some of the group might like to check out this info. 73 Tom K4NCG

http://beradio.com/features/radio_today_radio_history/

Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 18:41:26 -0700
Subject: R390A manufacturer ?
From: "John Gibson" <gibsonj@mindspring.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
Message-Id: <E1BxFUS-0005xt-00@mclean.mail.mindspring.net>

A friend wants to sell his mint R390A but the original ID plate is missing though he has replaced it with a generic reproduction plate. Is there

a way to tell who the original manufacturer was?
John.

Message-Id: <200408180327.i7I3Rh4x011674@sco.theporch.com>
From: "Don Reaves W50R" <w50r@comcast.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: R390A manufacturer ?
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 22:27:35 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Some, if not all, the module assemblies have manufacturers names and serial numbers. You have to remove them (the green screws) to get at the nomenclature. But there is no guarantee that the modules are original - the R-390A was purposely built to have interchangeable sub assemblies for ease of repair and depot maintenance. The typical surplus R-390A was a mongrel; even the tags were swapped around.

A truly "mint" R-390A would be a rare find, have all matching assemblies, and likely have the tag as well.

Don
W50R@comcast.net

> -----Original Message-----
> From: owner-boatanchors@theporch.com
> [mailto:owner-boatanchors@theporch.com] On Behalf Of John Gibson
> Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2004 8:41 PM
> To: Old Tube Radios
> Subject: R390A manufacturer ?
>
> A friend wants to sell his mint R390A but the original ID plate is
> missing though he has replaced it with a generic reproduction
> plate. Is there
> a way to tell who the original manufacturer was?
> John.
>

From: wb3fau@att.net
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: K4CR in Punta Gorda
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 04:55:34 +0000
Message-Id:

<081820040455.12400.4122E14600038CF60000307021602810609A0E00CC0D99@att.net>

Does anyone in this group know K4CR in Punta Gorda, Fla? He is often on 40 meters AM 7290. In lite of the Hurricane, I am trying to find out how he is? Russ.

Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 08:37:21 -0400 (EDT)
From: John Poulton <jp@cs.unc.edu>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: WTB: Repro nametag for R-389
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.58.0408180834560.16243@swan.cs.unc.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Does anyone know of a source for repro tags for the R-389 VLF receiver? I'm fortunate enough to have a nearly-mint '389, but the tag's been removed, as usual.. *Real* tags must be as rare as hen's teeth, but I'd be more than happy to buy or trade for one, if it's out there!

73, John K4OZY

Mime-Version: 1.0
Message-Id: <p0610051cbd49059e5cdf@[10.0.1.2]>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 08:11:31 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Tom Norris <r390a@bellsouth.net>
Subject: Re: WTB: Repro nametag for R-389
Cc: boatanchors@theporch.com
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii" ; format="flowed"

Posted to BA list as an FYI

Hank Arney hankarn@pacbell.net has repro tags
for just about everything R-390'ish

>Does anyone know of a source for repro tags for the R-389 VLF receiver?
>I'm fortunate enough to have a nearly-mint '389, but the tag's been
>removed, as usual.. *Real* tags must be as rare as hen's teeth, but
>I'd be more than happy to buy or trade for one, if it's out there!
>
>73, John K4OZY

Message-Id: <6.1.0.6.2.20040818103335.03558cc0@mail.islandnet.com>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 10:43:45 -0700

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: jan@skirrow.org
Subject: Re: R390A manufacturer ?
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

At 06:41 PM 8/17/04, John Gibson wrote:

> A friend wants to sell his mint R390A but the original ID plate is
>missing though he has replaced it with a generic reproduction plate. Is there
>a way to tell who the original manufacturer was?
> John.

Hi John ...

EAC often marked their rear panels, as did Motorola and I've seen same on the inside of front panels. Even if the makers marks aren't on the individual modules, there are differences in both construction style and some mechanical details that can provide clues. For example, the Collins modules I've seen are works of art (no pun intended) in cabling, lead dressing etc. Also, the transformers on the audio deck may bear Collins part numbers. The Motorola RF decks don't use little bearings in the slides - just a fixed post. And so on.

Of the radios I've worked on, one was all EAC, and the serial numbers matched on the modules, so I expect nothing had been switched around. But most are a combination of modules. I think it is not unusual to have the RF deck and Xtal oscillator the same make as the chassis, as most of my radios have been this way. You do have to remove the right side panel (usually) to see the mark on the RF deck, but the xtal oscillator should be visible altho you may need to remove the IF deck to see it. I was fortunate when I bought my units from Fair that they agreed to send ID plates. They were not matches of course, but I was able to match plate to radio in most cases - although unfortunately I have a Collins plate, but no complete Collins radio. But hope springs, etc. ;)

FWIW

Jan Skirrow, VE7DJX

Message-Id: <6.1.2.0.0.20040818173821.01c73980@vuse.vanderbilt.edu>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 17:50:47 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "A. B. Bonds" <ab@vuse.vanderbilt.edu>
Subject: Line bypass and X-10s
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I have been using a (BSR, remember?) X-10 system for security and convenience around the house for decades. This uses a carrier-current broadcast of codes on line wiring to switch items on and off remotely, but I don't know the details of the frequencies involved.

Over the weekend I acquired an appliance, useful (to be on-topic) for viewing instructional and historic videos on our fine ba receivers and the like. All of a sudden the X-10 module used to control a table lamp in the living room stopped working. Long story short, it works without the appliance plugged in, but not with it plugged in, even though said appliance is turned off. I then interposed an RF filter between the appliance and the line. X-10 still kaput. I unplugged the appliance from the RF filter, but left the filter plugged in. X-10 still kaput. The filter (can-type) has two series inductances on the line side and three 0.47 uf caps on the load side, one each to the line tied together and then one to ground.

If I plug the X-10 unit into another outlet in the room (on a different breaker) it works fine regardless of what is on the other circuit.

I am slowly gathering that the new appliance most likely has a fairly robust RF bypass on its front end that is loading across the line circuit and eating the RF from the X-10 controller. While I could run the lamp off of a different circuit, that would entail an extension cord across the living room floor, and even I have SOME aesthetic limits. Or I might trip over it.

Any webular wisdom on what I might do to keep the X-10 module on the same circuit? I am thinking that some fairly stout series inductances in each line going to the appliance might do the trick, but they'd have to be kind of big (2 amp capacity at any rate).

(If the off-topic offends, imagine the appliance to be an R-390....)

A. B. Bonds

Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 10:15:06 +1000
From: Morris Odell <morriso@vifm.org>
Subject: RE: Line bypass and X-10s
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-id: <D02380C06383C847B2282343465930BE02DBB1@my.vifp.monash.edu.au>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: MULTIPART/MIXED; BOUNDARY="Boundary_(ID_doAHM/o6U4zT6YJrHwCBbw)"
content-class: urn:content-classes:message

This is a multi-part message in MIME format...

--Boundary_(ID_doAHM/o6U4zT6YJrHwCBbw)

Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-disposition: inline
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
content-class: urn:content-classes:message

A.B. wrote:

>
> I am slowly gathering that the new appliance most likely has a fairly
> robust RF bypass on its front end that is loading across the
> line circuit
> and eating the RF from the X-10 controller.

Hopefully it might keep BPL signals out of your place too :-)

> Any webular wisdom on what I might do to keep the X-10 module
> on the same
> circuit? I am thinking that some fairly stout series
> inductances in each
> line going to the appliance might do the trick, but they'd
> have to be kind
> of big (2 amp capacity at any rate).

That's a new twist - keeping the RF out! My problems here have all been concerned with keeping RF inside "Electromagnetically promiscuous" modern horrors.

I suppose you could do some detective work on the controller to find out what frequencies it transmits on and make a tuned filter but otherwise, you will just need a lot of ferrite. You could try those clip-on chunky blocks you can get from the local emporium, but in my experience they are not very useful. Junked computer power supplies are a good source of big toroidal chokes - remove the windings and twist as many turns as you can through the core making sure you have both A & N together. You might need several in series.

> (If the off-topic offends, imagine the appliance to be an R-390....)

That'll do it every time. That receiver has some pretty big caps in its line filter.

73, Morris

* * * CONFIDENTIAL * * *

The information in this message and in any attachments may be confidential. If you are not the intended recipient of this message, you must not read, forward, disclose, or use in any way the

information this message or any attachment contains. If you are not the intended recipient, please notify the sender immediately and delete or destroy all copies of this message and any attachments.

--Boundary_(ID_doAHM/o6U4zT6YJrHwCBbw) --
--Boundary_(ID_doAHM/o6U4zT6YJrHwCBbw) --
--Boundary_(ID_doAHM/o6U4zT6YJrHwCBbw) --
--Boundary_(ID_doAHM/o6U4zT6YJrHwCBbw) --

Message-ID: <412403EC.40000@erols.com>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 21:35:40 -0400
From: Mike Steussy - AE4R <ae4r@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Need National NC-300/400 cabinet
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ahoy! Generous Boatanchor Gods have allowed me to become the owner of an National NC-400 receiver. While it needs the usual TLC a 40+ year old radio should have before resuming service, it actually works. What it doesn't have is the enclosure. While an actual NC-400 cabinet would be perfect, I would gladly wrap it in an NC-300 or NC-303 cabinet, if one is available. If you have one of these and would allow me to purchase, please contact me direct. If you have knowledge of, recommendations for, or comments on the NC-400 (for example, if it really is rare and just how rare), please share with the list.

Thanks & 73,
Mike Steussy AE4R
Vienna Virginia USA

Message-ID: <41242856.4000607@erols.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 00:11:02 -0400
From: Mike Steussy - AE4R <ae4r@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Need National NC-300/400 cabinet
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ahoy again! A list member kindly advised the NC-400 won't fit in a 300/303 cabinet as it's too deep. Regret inconvenience if you answered. I should have measured before asking! Clearly I need the NC-400 enclosure or another type that will contain that receiver.

73, Mike AE4R

Message-ID: <001401c485f3\$df74d6e0\$fd0212ac@3rdtech.com>

From: "Nick England" <nick@3rdtech.com>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: Re: Need National NC-300/400 cabinet

Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:53:11 -0400

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Very rare - extremely rare - mucho rara avia

Congrats, Mike!

I searched for years and then got one from an SK estate auction for \$275 several years ago and was immediately offered \$800?, \$1000?, \$1500? by a National collector. A couple of years later I sold it to a buddy for \$275 because I had made a deal with him at the time that he could have it when I got tired of it. I bet you could get \$1500 or so for yours these days.

It is a nice, interesting, rare general coverage receiver, but frankly I'd rather use my NC-303 for ham use.

The NC-303 case would have the proper color and texture if you can find one. If you come up with a spare NC-300 case, let me know because I have a chassis that I am going to restore.

73 & Have Fun,

Nick KD4CPL

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mike Steussy - AE4R" <ae4r@erols.com>

To: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2004 9:35 PM

Subject: Need National NC-300/400 cabinet

> Ahoy! Generous Boatanchor Gods have allowed me to become the owner of
> an National NC-400 receiver. While it needs the usual TLC a 40+ year
> old radio should have before resuming service, it actually works. What
> it doesn't have is the enclosure. While an actual NC-400 cabinet would
> be perfect, I would gladly wrap it in an NC-300 or NC-303 cabinet, if
> one is available. If you have one of these and would allow me to
> purchase, please contact me direct. If you have knowledge of,
> recommendations for, or comments on the NC-400 (for example, if it
> really is rare and just how rare), please share with the list.
>

> Thanks & 73,
> Mike Steussy AE4R
> Vienna Virginia USA
>

Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 08:23:49 -0700
Subject: Re R390A manufacturer.
From: "John Gibson" <gibsonj@mindspring.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
Message-Id: <E1Bxons-0005fY-00@tisch.mail.mindspring.net>

There seems to be a dedicated following for the R390A. I received a lot of good advice which I forwarded to my friend. There were too many replies to answer individually but I would like to thank each person who contributed.

I have forwarded the information contained to my friend who has decided to sell it. Anyone looking for a mint R390A with original meters and dust covers can find it at the e place. The set is located in Washington State.

From: wb3fau@att.net
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: "Nick England" <nick@3rdtech.com>,
Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Need National NC-300/400 cabinet
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 15:34:34 +0000
Message-Id:
<081920041534.14799.4124C88900006B440000039CF21604666489A0E00CC0D99@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;
boundary="NextPart_Webmail_9m3u9jl4l_14799_1092929674_0"

--NextPart_Webmail_9m3u9jl4l_14799_1092929674_0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Let me offer you my congrats on the find there Nick! Yes, you have a rare item indeed.

Well lets say this- if they are out there, they are still hidden. For your info- as new

in '59, price- \$895, less speaker and other cool options. check your out, you may find

a Collins Mech filter installed. I do not think a 300/303 cabinet will fit.

If you are not
a big time National fan, you may want to sell. Could get you a hefty profit.
i looked for
years and gave up. Found a few, but no sale. I don't think its worth the
money. Its not
a bad item, but \$900 in 1959 should have been a lot more- like better dial
resolution.
I have a good collection of Nationals- older ones are really cool- HROs and
others. Russ.

----- Original message from "Nick England" : -----

> Very rare - extremely rare - mucho rara avia
> Congrats, Mike!
> I searched for years and then got one from an SK estate auction for \$275
> several years ago and was immediately offered \$800?, \$1000?, \$1500? by a
> National collector. A couple of years later I sold it to a buddy for \$275
> because I had made a deal with him at the time that he could have it when I got
> tired of it. I bet you could get \$1500 or so for yours these days.
>
> It is a nice, interesting, rare general coverage receiver, but frankly I'd
> rather use my NC-303 for ham use.
> The NC-303 case would have the proper color and texture if you can find one. If
> you come up with a spare NC-300 case, let me know because I have a chassis that
> I am going to restore.
>
> 73 & Have Fun,
> Nick KD4CPL
> -----
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Mike Steussy - AE4R"
> To: "Old Tube Radios"
> Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2004 9:35 PM
> Subject: Need National NC-300/400 cabinet
>
>
> > Ahoy! Generous Boatanchor Gods have allowed me to become the owner of
> > an National NC-400 receiver. While it needs the usual TLC a 40+ year
> > old radio should have before resuming service, it actually works. What
> > it doesn't have is the enclosure. While an actual NC-400 cabinet would
> > be perfect, I would gladly wrap it in an NC-300 or NC-303 cabinet, if
> > one is available. If you have one of these and would allow me to
> > purchase, please contact me direct. If you have knowledge of,
> > recommendations for, or comments on the NC-400 (for example, if it
> > really is rare and just how rare), please share with the list.
> >
> > Thanks & 73,

----- Original Message -----
> From: "Mike Steussy - AE4R"
<AE4R@EROLS.COM>
> To: "Old Tube Radios" <BOATANCHORS@THEPORCH.COM>
>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2004 9:35 PM
> Subject: Need National
NC-300/400 cabinet
>
>
> > Ahoy! Generous Boatanchor Gods
have allowed me to become the owner of
> > an National NC-400 receiver.
While it needs the usual TLC a 40+ year
> > old radio should have before
resuming service, it actually works. What
> > it doesn't have is the
enclosure. While an actual NC-400 cabinet would
> > be perfect, I would
gladly wrap it in an NC-300 or NC-303 cabinet, if
> > one is available.
If you have one of these and would allow me to
> > purchase, please
contact me direct. If you have knowledge of,
> > recommendations for, or
comments on the NC-400 (for example, if it

> > really is rare and just how rare), please share with the list.
>
>
> > Thanks & 73,
> > Mike Steussy AE4R
> >
Vienna Virginia USA
> >
> </BLOCKQUOTE>
<!-- END WEBMAIL STATIONERY -->

</body>
</html>

--NextPart_Webmail_9m3u9jl4l_14799_1092929674_0--

End of BOATANCHORS Digest 3691
